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MEMORANDUM FOR: All Plants and Users of USDC Seafood Inspection Program Services

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SUBJECT: Notice of Change in Fees and Charges for the U.S. Department of Commerce Seafood Inspection Program-- Effective October 1, 2005

Beginning October 1, 2005, the basic hourly fee for full-time Type 1, non-HACCP, in-plant inspection services provided by the USDC Seafood Inspection Program (Program) will be \$64.95. This is an increase of \$2.70 or 4.3 percent, and results from the anticipated Federal Pay Act increase of 4.1 percent (including locality pay) for 2006 and associated benefits costs, an increase in travel and other operating expenses, and the need to recover losses experienced in Fiscal Year 2004 due primarily to the unexpected imposition of increased overhead rates that are continued through this fiscal year. The Seafood Inspection Program will continue to work with agency officials to identify more appropriate overhead rates to be charged to this reimbursable program.

This Program is not subsidized by appropriated funding and therefore relies entirely on fee-for-service income to fund its operating costs. The rate-setting methodology for FY 2006 is unchanged from FY 2005. (Charges for certain label reviews will continue as well as the requirement for prepayment for new non-contract customers.)

FEES AND CHARGES FOR USDC SEAFOOD INSPECTION PROGRAM

Effective October 1, 2005, the per hour fees and charges for fishery products inspection services (except Alaska) will be as follows:
(See page 5 for Alaska service rates.)

TYPE 1 - OFFICIAL ESTABLISHMENT AND PRODUCT INSPECTION SERVICES

FOR 40 HR/WEEK CONTRACTS--

REGULAR TIME	\$64.95
OVERTIME	\$97.43
SUNDAY & HOLIDAYS	129.90

FOR 24-39 HR/WEEK CONTRACTS--

REGULAR TIME	71.45
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OVERTIME	107.17
SUNDAY & HOLIDAYS	142.89
FOR 8-23 HR/WEEK CONTRACTS--	
REGULAR TIME	\$77.94
OVERTIME	116.91
SUNDAY & HOLIDAYS	155.88
FOR <8 HR/WEEK CONTRACTS--	
REGULAR TIME	83.79
OVERTIME	125.68
SUNDAY & HOLIDAYS	167.57
HACCP	
HACCP REGULAR.....	116.91
HACCP OVERTIME.....	175.37
HACCP SUNDAY & HOLIDAYS.....	233.82
TYPE 2 - LOT INSPECTION	
REGULAR TIME	116.91
OVERTIME	175.37
SUNDAY & HOLIDAYS	233.82
TYPE 3 - CONTRACT LOT INSPECTION and SANITATION SERVICES	
FOR 40 HR/WEEK CONTRACTS--	
REGULAR TIME	87.68
OVERTIME	131.52
SUNDAY & HOLIDAYS	175.37
FOR 24-39 HR/WEEK CONTRACTS--	
REGULAR TIME	96.45
OVERTIME	144.68
SUNDAY & HOLIDAYS	192.90
FOR 8-23 HR/WEEK CONTRACTS--	
REGULAR TIME	105.22
OVERTIME	157.83
SUNDAY & HOLIDAYS	210.44
FOR <8 HR/WEEK CONTRACTS--	
REGULAR TIME	113.11
OVERTIME	169.67
SUNDAY & HOLIDAYS	226.22
CONSULTATIVE SERVICES	
REGULAR TIME	116.91
OVERTIME	175.37
SUNDAY & HOLIDAYS	233.82

The basis for determining the appropriate fee to be charged is as follows:

TYPE 1

Regular time: Services provided during any 8-hour shift.

Overtime: Services provided in excess of 8 hours per shift per day.

In addition to any hourly service charge, a night differential fee equal to 10 percent of the employee's hourly salary will be charged for each hour of service provided after 6:00 p.m. and before 6:00 a.m.

Type 2 and 3

Regular time: Services provided within the inspector's normal work schedule, Monday through Friday.

Overtime: Services provided outside the inspector's normal work schedule, Monday through Friday, and on Saturdays.

In keeping with the intent of the authorizing legislation and the policies of the Program to charge fees that recover the costs of providing inspection services, the hourly rates charged to contract lot inspection users who provide complete and acceptable facilities which are used by USDC inspectors to conduct the necessary official contract functions will be those delineated under Type 1. In all other cases, contract lot inspection users will be charged Type 3 rates.

Analytical Services:

The FY 2006 rate reflects the continued inclusion of certain analytical testing services into the Program's cost structure. Selective analytical testing will be carried out to verify that existing process control measures can adequately ensure that all of the USDC inspected fishery products are safe, wholesome, and properly labeled. In the event that routine oversight reveals a deficiency in sanitation, process controls, and/or product, additional laboratory testing may be warranted. Such additional testing can be expected to incur specific charges to the individual firm based on the fees delineated under this section, or quoted by outside laboratories.

The Program will also continue to provide analytical services upon request at the rates quoted in this memorandum. In the event that the analytical test is not performed by the Seafood Inspection Program, the rate charged by the laboratory performing the test will be applied. Charges based upon these fees will be in addition to any hourly rates charged for lot, miscellaneous, and consultative inspection service as well as to any hourly rates charged for inspection services provided under a contract.

Analyses	Methods of Analyses	Price Per Sample
Total Plate Count	AOAC Official Method 2000.07, Simplate Total Plate Count - Color Indicator (TPC-CI) Method	\$30
Total Coliform/ <i>E. coli</i>	AOAC Official Method 2005.03, Simplate Total Coliform and <i>E. coli</i> - Color Indicator (TCEC-CI) Method	\$30
<i>Staphylococcus aureus</i>	FDA BAM Bio-Chrome Baird-Parker Plate Method	\$35
<i>Listeria</i> species (presumptive)	AOAC Research Institute Performance Tested Certificate #960701, Oxoid Test Method	\$75
<i>Listeria monocytogenes</i> (confirmed)	AFNOR Performance Tested Certificate #CHR-21/1-12/01, Bio-Chrome <i>Listeria</i> Plate Method	\$35
<i>Salmonella</i> species (presumptive)	AOAC Research Institute Performance Tested Certificate #941001, Celsis Path-Stik Method	\$75
<i>Salmonella</i> (confirmed)	FDA BAM Bio-Chrome <i>Salmonella</i> Rambach Plate Method	\$35
Histamine	Biomedix HistaQuant ELISA Method 2.0 Version	\$40
Chloramphenicol ¹	R-Biopharm Ridascreen ELISA Method (FDA Recognized)	\$75
Nitrofurantoin ¹	R-Biopharm Ridascreen ELISA Method	\$75
Sulfite	AOAC Official Method 990.28, Sulfites in Foods, Optimized Monier-Williams Method	\$100
Moisture ¹	Ohaus Moisture Balance 200	\$30
Moisture ²	AOAC Official Method 950.46, Moisture in Meat	\$50
Paralytic Shellfish Poison	AOAC Official Method 959.08, Paralytic Shellfish Poison (Extraction Method Only) and Jellett Test Method	\$75

¹Includes duplicate results

²Includes triplicate results

If you have any questions or comments or would like additional laboratory services, please call or fax Jane Fox-Dobson at (978) 281-9386 or E-mail her at Jane.E.Fox-Dobson@noaa.gov.

Notes on Analytical Services: Sampling and travel time where applicable will be assessed using the Type 2 rates. Mileage costs and shipping costs will be assessed at the current rate. For other analyses not shown, the Program will identify a governmental or private laboratory with recognized capabilities and establish the

charges that will be assessed by that laboratory. This information will be communicated to the applicant for their concurrence prior to sampling the product or submitting the samples for testing.

State of Alaska: The rates outlined below are effective October 1, 2005, and apply for services provided by cross-licensed State of Alaska inspectors. The rates charged within the State of Alaska are subject to revision at any time based on unanticipated changes in operating costs. Inspection services provided by NMFS within the State of Alaska will be charged at the NMFS service rates shown on pages 1 and 2 plus travel and other expenses.

STATE OF ALASKA

	Aleutian Chain, Bristol Bay, Dillingham	Remainder of Alaska
TYPE 1	Per Hour	Per Hour
<u>Non-HACCP:</u>		
Regular Time	\$ 80.83	\$ 80.30
Overtime	121.24	120.45
Sunday/Holiday	161.65	160.61
<u>HACCP:</u>		
Regular Time	119.77	112.05
Overtime	179.65	168.08
Sunday/Holiday	239.54	224.10
TYPE 2		
Regular Time	119.77	112.05
Overtime	179.65	168.08
Sunday/Holiday	239.54	224.10
TYPE 3 and Consultative Services		
Regular Time	109.12	112.05
Overtime	163.67	168.08
Sunday/Holiday	218.22	224.10

NOTE: Service by State of Alaska cross-licensed inspectors is often available only on an overtime basis. When this occurs, the posted overtime rate will be applied.